The State Government of Orissa has submitted two memoranda seeking additional assistance from NCCF for relief operations in the areas affected by floods during 2007-08. Government of India has considered both the memoranda and approved the following assistance from NCCF, subject to adjustment of 75% of the balance in the CRF account:—

1st memorandum

- Rs. 59.33 crore+Rs. 0.719 crore from Special Component of Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP)+payment of Air bills on actual basis.

2nd memorandum

- Rs. 139.69 crore+Rs.2.376 crore from Special Component of Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP).

Training by coast guards to coastal police personnel

1299. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up 82 coastal police stations where the Coast Guards would impart training to the police personnel;

(b) if so, the details thereof, *inter-alia* indicating such coast police stations that are proposed to be set up on the east coast; and

(c) how far would it help to control the entry of anti-social elements *via* sea routes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the Union Government is implementing a comprehensive Coastal Security Scheme in the country to give assistance to all the 9 coastal States of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal and 4 coastal Union Territories of Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep, Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar Islands to strengthen infrastructure for patrolling and surveillance of coastal areas including close coastal waters. Under the Scheme, 73 coastal police stations, 97 check posts, 58 outposts and 30 operational barracks with provision of vehicles and vessels fitted with modern navigational and maritime equipment have been approved. Training is being imparted to the police personnel by the Coast Guards as its regional centers in batches.

On the eastern coast, a total of 30 coastal police stations have been envisaged under the scheme *viz.* Tamil Nadu-12, Andhra Pradesh-6, Orissa-5, West Bengal-6 and Puducherry-1.

(c) As deterrent to the entry of anti social elements *via* sea routes, there is three-tier security mechanism. In the outer layer, Indian Navy is taking care at high seas. As second layer of security, the Coast Guards protect the Indian interests in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in the seas. For third layer, the Central Government is implementing a Coastal Security Scheme as mentioned above strengthening infrastructure for patrolling and surveillance of coastal areas including close coastal waters.